

# PETERSBURG RESPONSE TO APPEALS FOR BELGIUM GENEROUS

Committee Will Close Its  
Campaign on Tuesday With  
Work Well Done.

TH OF CHARLES ABERNATHY

Many Known Young Citizen Dies  
After Long Illness—Alleged Car  
Robbers Are Arrested—Salvation  
Army Is Indorsed by Mayor.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

PETERSBURG, Va., December 12.—The committee will close its campaign on Tuesday. The work has been very satisfactory. The committee has secured a large number of donations of food, clothing, and other necessities. The total amount of money raised is \$1,165. The committee is expected to be in receipt of \$2,000 by next Tuesday. This money will be expended in food supplies at the Farmers' Exchange in this city to be sent to Norfolk. Exclusive of the above donation, John P. Kohn, a resident of Norfolk, has donated \$100 to the committee. The committee netted \$40 money from three entertainments at the Bland District.

Petersburg Tobacco Market.

At a meeting of the Tobacco Association yesterday, it was decided to suspend the sale of tobacco for the season after business on Friday next, reopen the market on January 5th. The sales of bright this week were 1,211 pounds, making the aggregate for the season to date 1,227,162 pounds. The market was very active on all sides—the best qualities bringing \$25 to \$30.

Death of Charles P. Abernathy.

Charles T. Abernathy, a well-known popular young citizen, died last night at his residence, on Kirkham street, after a long illness. He was twenty-five years of age, and is survived by his wife and one child. His father, John T. Abernathy, of Roanoke, and two brothers and one sister, William L. Abernathy, of De Witt, Mich., and W. S. and Miss Mary Abernathy, of Petersburg. The body of Mr. Abernathy, formerly of Petersburg, died yesterday in Norfolk, was brought to the city this morning for burial. He was a member of the Holywood Camp, Woodmen of the World, which took charge of the funeral services.

Alleged Car Robbers.

James Perkins and Robert Hickok, two men, are under arrest in this city and held for the Chesterfield authorities on the charge of breaking into and robbing freight cars at Dunbar, on the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, at Swift Creek.

In the Police Court this morning, William Simmons, colored, was given sentence of sixty days in jail for larceny of a child's bed, and Oscar Simson, colored, was given a like sentence for stealing laundry from a this line.

Indorsed by Mayor Cabaniss.

Mayor Robert Cabaniss has addressed a letter to the officer in charge of the United States Army in this city, indorsing the committee's charitable work in the army, and urging the public to contribute liberally to its support. The city is just now keeping its pot boiling for contributions to furnish a Christmas dinner to the poor of the community and to purchase toys and candies to fill the stockings of the children.

Away on Sad Mission.

The Rev. R. M. Roper, D. D., pastor of the First Baptist Church, was called his former home in Spartanburg, S. C., yesterday to officiate at the funeral of an old friend, J. C. Rigby.

He expected to return to Petersburg to-night, but early this morning Mrs. Rigby died, and he will remain over to assist in the services at her funeral. Dr. Roper at the First Baptist Church to-morrow.

Owls Elect Officers.

The Petersburg Nest of Owls last night elected officers for the ensuing term as follows: Past president, J. W. Wells; president, J. C. Hoy; vice-president, W. E. Gill; invocator, C. L. Eanes; sentinel, R. A. Singleton; warden, H. G. Crowder; picket, W. H. Wheelhouse; treasurer, G. B. Gill; financial secretary, O. A. Bowman; trustees—W. R. Duceil, W. A. Williamson and E. C. Beasley.

The order has a membership of 350, and expects to increase this number to 400.

General News Notes.

Petersburg had its first genuine touch of winter last night. Snow fell lightly for several hours, but the ground was so warm and wet that flakes melted as soon as they touched the earth.

Engineer D. H. Winslow, of the government Department of Roads, was in the city to-day on a tour of inspection of the Washington-to-Atlanta Highway, now in course of construction south of Petersburg. The highway through Dinwiddie has been practically completed.

The special feature of the reception given last night to Dr. Richard Wilkinson, the new pastor of Washington Street M. E. Church, and his family, was very attractive and enjoyable. Refreshments were served and the varied pleasures of the evening. Presiding Elder Lipscomb and all the Methodist ministers were present, as were also the ministers of other denominations. Mr. Wilkinson extended the glad hand of welcome.

## EX-CONVICT CONFESSES THAT HE SHOT SCHERER

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discovered a large amount of stolen goods, some of which were taken from the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway and other sources, and he also confessed to these and other robberies.

"Reynolds was arraigned this morning before Justice of the Peace Dunbar on the charge of shooting Mr. Scherer, and he pleaded guilty and was sent on to answer the indictment at the January term of the Circuit Court at Covington."

In commenting on the case, took the opportunity to compliment the Chesapeake and Ohio special agent department for its untiring effort and assistance rendered in the running down of Reynolds, and also the county and local officers on their assistance and co-operation in the work.

Special Agents Angle, of Richmond; Rice and Lenz, of Huntington; and Hendrick, of Clifton Forge, assisted in the capture of Reynolds. The accused is about thirty-one years old, and claims Texas as his home, though he has spent the better part of his life in Virginia.

MR. SCHERER UNDERGOES  
SECOND OPERATION

Mr. Scherer underwent a second operation to-day, and the bullet, that was left undisturbed at the first operation, was extracted. Mr. Scherer rallied quickly, and the reports from the hospital state that the recovery of the patient is assured, and he will now speedily regain his health and strength.

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For information, address

ROBERT W. ARNOLD, Mayor and Chairman of Publicity Committee;

H. A. GRAY, President Town Council.

The bullet was located in the right side, pulse, temperature and respiration are practically normal.

SPECIAL AGENT ANGLE  
TELLS OF CAPTURE

Special Agent Myer S. Angle, of the Chesapeake and Ohio detective force, returned to Richmond last night. He was interviewed by The Times-Dispatch and told the circumstances of the negro's capture.

"It was much as Mr. Felts described," Detective Angle said. "I, with other railway operatives, reached the scene of the shooting the morning it occurred. After a short investigation, we were confident we knew who it was that shot Mr. Scherer, but delayed in arresting the man until the arrival of Detective Felts, who was to take charge of the investigation. In the meantime, the four negroes, arrested immediately after the shooting, were held as a blind."

"When Detective Felts arrived, we went to the home of William Reynolds, the suspected man, and surrounded the place. Three detectives entered the house from the front door and two from the rear. Reynolds heard us coming and made a dash for a Winchester rifle, but was covered by us before he was able to secure it. He raised his hands above his head at our command and was handcuffed.

LARGE AMOUNT OF  
STOLEN PROPERTY RECOVERED

"A large amount of property stolen from the Chesapeake and Ohio cars was found on his place. I found a revolver, containing four exploded and one unexploded shell, a flashlight and other articles in odd corners of the room. In the ceiling I discovered a pair of shoes which exactly fitted the tracks found in the hold near the scene of the shooting. With this evidence we knew our case to be complete, even though Reynolds denied all connection with the shooting of Mr. Scherer."

"The man was taken to Clifton Forge and put through several 'third degrees' before he admitted the shooting. At first he implicated another negro, but later said this was untrue, and declared that he was alone at the time Mr. Scherer was wounded. "According to the story told by the

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man, he knew Detective Richardson would pass along the tracks that morning, and as he hated him for sending him to the penitentiary in 1904, decided to "get even." He went to Covington on second 95, and took No. 98 back. He recognized Richardson in the group on Payne's Grade by the headlight of the engine and the bright moonlight, and, climbing down between the cars, fired three times at him as the train passed. Each of the three shots failed to take effect, and Reynolds shot a fourth time. This bullet struck and wounded Mr. Scherer.

STOLEN PROPERTY FOUND  
IN HOMES OF NEGROES

"After Reynolds had confessed we searched the houses of nine negroes living in the vicinity, and found large amounts of stolen property in each house. It is said that this property was bought from Reynolds. According to these negroes, Reynolds endeavored to steal whiskey principally, as he found a more ready sale for it than anything else."

"Mr. Scherer seems to be improving rapidly now. He is growing stronger, and physicians with him are of the opinion that he will be able to return to Richmond in about ten days. His wife is still with him, and will probably remain until he is able to travel back to this city. His daughters are expected to return to Richmond either to-day or to-morrow."

SHERIFF FATALLY SHOT

Was Leading Posse Against House in Which Desperadoes Were at Bay.  
LEXINGTON, KY., December 12.—Sheriff John McMurtry, of Hardin County, was probably fatally shot this afternoon while leading a posse against a house in which the desperadoes who yesterday killed a deputy sheriff and wounded a companion, were at bay. The sheriff was hurried to a hospital in a dying condition, while the posse continued the siege of the house.

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## MANOEUVRES FOR FLEET

Twenty-One Battleships to Participate in Evolution of Guantanamo.

WASHINGTON, December 12.—Secretary of the Navy Daniels announced to-day that Admiral Fletcher will leave New York about January 12 for Guantanamo, Cuba, to assemble the Atlantic Fleet for manoeuvres. Twenty-one battleships will participate. These will be the first complete manoeuvres held by the fleet in two years.

Secretary Daniels has ordered the cruiser Tacoma to Vera Cruz, to relieve the Minnesota.



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| Knitted Scarfs          | Terry Blanket                          |
| Silk Shirts             | House Robe                             |
| Flannel Shirts          | House Coat                             |
| Other Shirts            | Belts                                  |
| Pajamas                 | Belts with initialed buckles           |
| Silk Pajamas            | Fancy Suspenders                       |
| Underwear               | Sweater Coat                           |
| Canes                   | Silk Handkerchiefs                     |
| Umbrellas               | Linen Handkerchiefs                    |
| Silk Hose               | Traveling Bags                         |
| Fur Gloves              | Full Dress Studs and Links             |
| Auto Gloves             | Full Dress Fob                         |
| Collar Bag              | Tuxedo Shirt                           |
| Initialed Handkerchiefs | Tuxedo Tie                             |
| Stick Pins              | Tuxedo Vest                            |
| Cuff Links              | Tuxedo Fob                             |
| Pin and Link Sets       | Tuxedo Studs and Links                 |
| Silk Muffer             | Handkerchief                           |
| Tan Kid Gloves          | Set Scarf and Hose                     |
| Gray Suede Gloves       | Set Bath Robe and Slippers             |
| White Gloves            | Set Scarf, Hose and All in Xmas boxes. |
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